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and shooting someone else, having utterly no understanding of what a gun is or what the consequences of her act is, can we convict somebody who is so deranged by mental disease or defect that they simply cannot appreciate the wrongfulness of their conduct. We will never, under our Constitution, be able to convict people that simply can't appreciate the wrongfulness of their conduct. We have to allow an exception in the law. We have that exception in the law. It is working well in Nebraska, although juries aren't always going to apply it to our satisfaction. This particular proposal is going to be confusing and ineffective. It is the wrong thing to do. I urge you to vote to sustain Governor Kerrey's veto. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson is next, but Senator Peterson, if I may, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign, and do sign LB 946, LB 796, LB 795, LB 664, LB 643, LB 420, LB 851, LB 745, and LB 747. Senator Howard Peterson please. Thank you.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do I see five hands? There I do. I see five hands. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting to cease debate. We'll hold it open ten more seconds and see what happens. We're voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate does not cease. Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, thank you for being patient with me. I have not spoken on this issue, even though I feel quite deeply about it. I know that a lot of the things have been said about the Governor's veto are probably true. But I, for one, as a citizen who does not perhaps understand the legal system as well as I could am frustrated with the law the way it has been. It just seems to me, and I noticed